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MOUNTING UP.

Late New Subscribers and Renewals to the Message.

Since our last report the following are new subscribers for the MESSAGE, or are renewals. It is a great list. Don't you think so? Please examine the date after your name printed on the paper or on the wrapper, and if you are in arrears kindly look after it at once.

But about three persons have discontinued the paper since the first of the year. They are paying up and say, "Keep 'er coming."

The MESSAGE has a splendid list of subscribers, and we want to retain every one of you. But please "fix" that date if it is not right.

Now look on the following:

Calla L. Green
H. J. Dungan
W. M. Lander
J. S. Wilson
J. C. Bassford
C. N. Turpin
Dan Canthorn
John R. Scott
H. P. Middleton
Wm. Machin
J. R. Snook
W. W. Botts
Wm. P. Mollet
John S. Bybee
A. J. Deichman
W. F. Kindy
S. B. Reighley
Perry D. Riggs
Leo Sullivan
Joseph Springer
J. F. Ruse
G. W. Stauffer
F. P. Jacobs
G. W. Bingham
Arthur Wright
C. E. Hickerson
R. McMahon
W. N. Maxwell
E. E. Shay
C. T. Howard
Henry Gant
E. P. Burns
R. M. Poage
Mrs. Bertie Riney
M. H. Faddis
W. S. Jones
J. E. Bozarth
T. J. Bybee
Walter Allen
B. W. Hale
J. C. King
J. A. Childers
Virgil Marvin
J. J. Johnston
T. J. Ecton
A. W. Worsham
Judge Baker Barnes
Ben Phears
Mrs. Rachel Barton
W. R. Goodson
E. O. Snedeker
C. A. Mollet
Mrs. H. C. Beckman
J. H. Dillard
C. I. Harrison
A. H. Dicus
Mrs. Mary J. Pierce
W. W. Dowell
W. S. Ragadale
James S. Chapman

Made Several Surveys.

This item is from the Centralia Guard:

R. S. McKinney, county surveyor of Audrain county, was in the territory north of here last Friday, and at the orders of the county court of Audrain, made several surveys. We are informed that the survey takes a strip of land off John Sexton's farm from 5 feet to 32 feet, and 2 1/2 miles in length, and 40 feet off B. J. Appleman's farm a half mile in length. Part of this land is taken up by the public road and the balance goes to the owner of the land across the road.

Mrs. Fred Reed of Macon has returned home after a pleasant visit to Mrs. W. L. Reed of this city.

Mrs. John Cowan has been visiting her son, Sam Cowan, of Vandalia.

Along the Firing Line.

Hurrah for Missouri!

Seventy-two counties now dry and more to follow.

Audrain will have the best of company to line up with March 14.

Local option is not all we need nor all we will have, but it's a long step in the right way.

The liquor people well know that the Anti-Saloon League, the united church in action against the saloon, is non-partisan. It is the crystallized, centralized sentiment of all parties, orders, and christian institutions against the liquor traffic.

Men and Fathers of Audrain, on which side will you stand March 14. "Against Intoxicating Liquors," "For Intoxicating Liquors."

This Giant Gin Mill must have boys. Will it be yours or mine? One hundred thousand boys are necessary to take the place of dying drunkards. The saloon is a driving business. It drives the dagger to many a mother's heart.

The deathbed repentance of the "Baron Brewers" and wholesale liquor dealers comes too late, our enemies being our judges. "Five years ago a united industry might have kept back the conditions that now confront us, but today it is too late. We might as well try to whip out the Hudson River with a whisk broom." This is an extract from "Beverages," the National organ of the liquor league.

On the 14th of March, Old Audrain will drive another nail, the "Coffin Lid" of which Father Coffey speaks in St. Louis, Jan. 22, as follows: The liquor element has repented too late. It wants to be regulated now. The brewers have brought about the evil. To them is the responsibility for the wine rooms and all the other evils. They have driven the independent saloons out of business. Now it is the coffin lid for the liquor trade. If it is a bad thing to be a drunkard, is it a good thing to license men to make drunkards?

Hon. Champ Clark was asked by a prominent congressman not long ago why he was opposed to the saloon. He said, "I have a boy who is 18 years of age and he believes everything his father says and does is just right."

Fathers and citizens of Audrain county, can you afford to line up with licensed saloons?

Are you willing to have your boy follow that sort of an example?

This is the sort of sentiment that is making the Southland dry: Gov. Hoke Smith: "It is absolutely impossible to have a permanent, decent government where the saloon dominates local municipal politics. The elimination of the saloon will help municipal politics everywhere, even in those places where the saloon does not dominate municipal politics."

A hot shot from Oklahoma: "Five hundred and sixty saloons were closed in Oklahoma, and the first blind-pigger convicted under the Oklahoma law was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and 30 days in the county jail. The law prohibits the sale of patent medicines which contain more than two per cent. of alcohol. The Daily Oklahoman has discontinued all liquor advertising, including outside brewery and distillery publicity."

Married Last Week.

Mr. James L. Harper, a young building contractor at Rush Hill, and Miss Margaret Mudd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mudd of near Mexico, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Father J. J. Dillon of this city last Thursday afternoon. The MESSAGE joins the many friends of this young couple in wishing them prosperity and a bright and joyous future.

MONROE COUNTY.

Citizens Express Themselves as to Local Option.

Grand old Monroe county threatens to go dry too. The Paris Appeal published the following interesting article last week regarding the situation over that way:

A large and representative crowd of citizens responded to the call for a mass meeting at Paris, Monday, to consider the advisability of an immediate campaign for local option. James B. Davis was elected chairman and John T. Grigsby secretary. The meeting was opened and closed with earnest prayers for the success of the cause.

The sentiment was practically unanimous for an immediate campaign. Reports from various quarters reported the sentiment very strong for local option.

A county organization was effected. James B. Davis was elected president, with vice-presidents as follows:

S. B. Gray, Monroe; G. P. Grimes, Marion; Louis Flemming, South Fork; Merritt Vincent, Jefferson; John Haley, Union; Thos. Overfelt, Woodlawn; J. S. Austin, Clay; Monroe Keith, Washington; C. C. Lewis, Indian Creek; J. T. Grigsby, Jackson.

In response to a call for expressions in regard to the sentiment for the measure, the following responded:

G. P. Grimes: "I presented my petition to 39 men one day last week. Only seven of them refused to sign it. Over in Union it has been dry for years and the sentiment is for local option."

Roger Hunt: "South Fork is already in line. We have a working organization of thirty members ready for the fray."

R. T. McCreedy: "I believe Jefferson will do the right thing. Stoutsville will vote dry."

Rev. J. W. Callaway: "Woodlawn is in line. Men who formerly voted wet say they will vote dry. Madison is already dry but some of her citizens persist in getting wet at Paris and Moberly."

Rev. Rooker: "I preach at Leesburg. It was about the only town in the county to vote dry last time. The dry vote is even stronger now."

C. E. Hewitt: "I think we can count safely on a majority in the Jackson Chapel neighborhood."

C. H. Davis: "The sentiment is strong in my vicinity. We debated the question at Marr school house and the dry side won. The crowd was with them, too."

Rev. Laughlin: "We must fight at Monroe City. I think it is about half whisky and half water down there."

W. H. H. Meyers: "The iron is hot and now is the time to strike. Public sentiment is for local option."

Jasper Henderson: "Sentiment is strong for the measure around Monroe City. I believe our Catholic brethren will be with us. One of them told me the Monroe priest and the priest at Indian Creek were both for it. Indian Creek township cast only one dry vote the last time. We will carry it this time."

J. T. Grigsby: "The south end of Jackson township, I am informed, is almost dry enough to burn."

Rev. H. L. Taylor: "I preach at Salem, Long Branch, Goss and Mt. Prairie. The sentiment is for local option."

A little daughter of W. H. Maxwell of near Thompson has been very ill for several weeks. Dr. R. W. Berry of Mexico is looking after the little sufferer.

Drs. W. L. Reed, J. F. McWilliams, Carl Pasqueth and Digges attended the dentists meeting in Moberly last week.

MEXICO CHAUTAUQUA.

A Partial List of the Attractions Tillman on the Program.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 25, '08. My Dear Sir: I herewith give you a list of some of the talent and attractions that I have secured for our Chautauqua.

First, we mention the old favorite, Col. Geo. W. Bain, who is too well known and too popular for it to be necessary to speak of him further.

Then we have the Markee Family Band which made such a hit at the Fair last year.

Next as a special attraction is Pamabaska and his trained pets, dogs and birds, one of the most interesting features of many chautauqua programs. His collection of canaries alone he values at \$10,000. There is no doubt about this being a popular number on our program.

Geo. R. Wendling, the peerless orator, and whom everybody knows or knows of.

Edmund Vance Cook, the natural born poet, actor and humorist. Rev. Richard Wilkerson, D. D., of Augusta, Georgia. The great southern orator.

Booth Lowry, as conductor of the Bible hour and other interesting features of the program, is a most excellent man.

Then we have the Dixie Jubilee singers, one of the best jubilee companies on the road.

Senator Tillman will also be with us.

There are some places in the program to be filled yet, and several special features to be announced later. We are also expecting to have Mrs. Haskell for part of the time and Prof. Elder for the Seton-Indian work.

We are trying to make the Mexico Chautauqua different from all others in this part of the state and we believe we are going to do that.

Yours Truly,

CHAS. E. STOKES, Manager.

License and no License.

Citizens of Macon County drew their own conclusions on the question and voted accordingly 2,055 against saloons.

La Plata has not had a licensed saloon since 1880, except for four months in the fall of 1887. When saloon license was refused in La Plata in 1880 three saloons were closed. The population of the town was about 800 and the town was about \$300 in debt. While now—February 1st, 1908, the city has not one dollar outstanding indebtedness, no saloons, and between \$1,800 and \$1,900 in the city treasury. And we have good sidewalks, electric lights on every corner and a happy and prosperous people. Not a murder has been committed here since the closing of the saloons.

Bevier has had licensed saloons nearly all the time. There we find nearly 2,500 population, and five licensed saloons which pay into the city treasury \$2,500 per year. Bevier city has an indebtedness of about \$2,000 with only about \$800 in the treasury. Bevier has no street lights of any kind, and there since May 1, 1907, five men have lost their lives as a direct result of intoxicants. Bevier receives \$2,500 per year.

Hicks, the weather prophet, says that the northern section of the United States should not be surprised if one of the "greatest snow blockades of the winter" should strike it on the 17th, 18th and 19th of this month. By the way, do you want a copy of Hicks' almanac at 20 cents? The MESSAGE still has a supply left, but you better speak for one before they are all gone.

SURROUNDING AUDRAIN

There is a case of scarlet fever in the family of "Tan" Nelson at Fulton.

Dogs killed seven sheep and crippled 25 more for D. L. Owen, near Hallsville.

Miss Edna Stewart of Shamrock will teach a term of school near Vandalia this spring.

Rev. H. N. Quisenberry of Indianapolis, Ind., is to be the new pastor of the Baptist church at Fulton.

Eld. A. W. Kokendoffer of Mexico will officiate at the ordination of eleven deacons at the Paris Christian Church, Sunday, March 8.

The "Five-mile Law" at Columbia has been declared unconstitutional, and now the "wets" will contest the late local option election held in that city, claiming that about 75 students, who had no right to vote, voted "dry."

A correspondent in the Centralia Courier writing from Hallsville says: John Barclay, who is making a good salesman for the Barth Clothing Co., at Mexico, came home over Sunday to visit his parents, A. C. Barclay and wife.

A valuable hog known as "Star Master-piece" and for which the owners, Still & Laughlin, paid \$5,500, died at Kirksville one day last week. At a recent Berkshire sale on their Kinloch farms the owners steadily refused an insistent offer of \$3000 for the hog.

An item in the Fulton Sun says: A letter from Mr. S. L. Robison, President of the company that is building the Mexico Santa Fe & Perry Electric line, to the commercial club at Fulton, states that he has a plan for the extension of the road to Fulton and he wants to meet the Commercial Club here soon.

The "Middletown Chips" says that Tom Teague was helping his brothers get some wood Saturday afternoon. One tree which they were trying to fell became lodged between the branches of another. Tom climbed the tree to cut off the branches so as to dislodge the other tree. The tree fell with such force as to sway the branch on which he was standing, and threw him to the ground, breaking his right arm and hurting his back severely.

A correspondent in the Troy Free Press says: The Brown school closed Friday after a successful term of six months with Miss Besie E. Barton, of Laddonia, teacher. Myrtle Witt attended the six months without missing a day or being tardy. Annie May Martinek, Susie Douglass and Marvin Boyse received prizes for having the most headmarks in their different spelling classes. The house was beautifully decorated with cedar and the patrons of the district came in with their well-filled baskets and spread a sumptuous repast of which all partook. Several of the pupils spoke and sang, after which the pupils all received a bountiful treat.

Frank A. Wheeler, of Centralia, recently appeared before Don C. Carter, notary, and made oath to facts which brings to light a thwarted love, because of parental displeasure, says the Columbia Statesman. According to Mr. Wheeler's statement, one Louis T. Alderson, wishing to marry Miss Nora May Wheeler, went before Justice Harris, of Bourbon township, on January 29, and swore that he was 22 years old, and that Miss Wheeler was 20 years old, when in fact Louis T. Alderson was not 21 and Nora May Wheeler

was not 18; "and" says the affidavit, "he swore to these facts knowing their falsity." After the license had been issued on Alderson's affidavit, the father of the young woman learned of his daughter's intention and set his parental foot down on the proposed match with much firmness. In a few days a license was granted for the marriage of Miss Wheeler to another gentleman, Squire O. Roberts, which union met the approval of the parents. The defeated suitor then displayed the unused license on a fence stake near the home of his intended father-in-law, who took it down and has put on foot this prosecution. As the penalty of false swearing is six months in the county jail or fine of \$500 the grand jury may make an example of the would-be groom, whose zeal outran his judgment.

"SAVED BY PRAYER."

School Children Make Narrow Escape by Collapse of Stairway.

Montgomery City, Mo., Feb. 25. Only one of sixty pupils was seriously injured this afternoon when the temporary stairway in the East Side public school collapsed, precipitating the children with their teacher to the floor below.

The teacher immediately gathered the pupils about her in prayer and told them that she attributed their miraculous deliverance to the fact that she never failed to begin classes each day with morning prayer. "You were saved by prayer," she said.

At the time of the accident the children had gathered on the stairway preparatory to rehearsing for a local entertainment.

Calvin Ellis was seriously injured by jumping, but the others fell upon one another.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Two Penitentiary Sentences—That Automobile Case.

Asa Hall, 18 years old, plead guilty to a charge of burglary Saturday afternoon and was sentenced to three years in State's prison. He robbed the grocery store of Gant & Rowland a couple of weeks since.

James Tanner plead guilty to a charge of grand larceny and was given two years in prison. A charge of larceny standing against him was dismissed.

The matter of Hawkins vs. Robertson had the attention of the court most of Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Hawkins sued for alleged personal damages on account of an automobile accident which occurred last summer. The verdict was for the defendant.

J. W. Sexton, up north of Centralia, has filed a petition for a second injunction against S. J. Bowne to restrain the latter from entering the Sexton premises for the purpose of cutting hedge or ditching the property to drain the public road.

Court adjourned Saturday afternoon for the regular term in June. However there will be a short term April 27, when Judge Samuel Davis of Marshall will preside.

Wants 'Nother Divorce.

Last week's Hannibal Journal contained the following item:

E. G. Matson, Jr., has brought suit in the Ralls county circuit court for divorce from his wife, Myrtle Matson. The charges preferred are indignities. Mr. Matson secured a divorce from his former wife, Myrtle Matson, at Mexico, Mo., last summer and the day after the divorce was granted was married to Miss Myrtle Shores, of Frankford, Mo., the wife from whom he is now seeking divorce.